ment of old and worn out equipments are in progress.

(ii) Replacement of fault prone cables by jelly filled Cables.

(iii) Induction of modern testing aids.

(iv) Proposed expansion of Exchanges in West Godavari District during 1997-98 is about 20,000 lines in 29 Nos. of Exchanges. It is also proposed to install 10 Nos. of 30 Channel UHF, one No. of 120 Channel UHF and 3 Nos. of Optical Fibre link in West Godavari District during 1997-98.

Construction Projects of Telecom Echange in West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh

440. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in completing construction projects of Telecom Exchanges in West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of proposal are pending for completion of construction of buildings for housing exchanges in West Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the status of the proposal to upgrade telecom facilities at Dharmajibudem Panchayat in West Godavari district; and

(d) the details of the status of telecom facilities at Dharmajibudem, West Godavari district?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes ,Sir.

(b) 13 Proposals are under process for construction of buildings for housing exchanges in West Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d) Present status of Dharmajigudem Exchange.

1.	Type of Exchange	128P C-DOT
2.	Capacity	88 lines
3.	Working connections	86 lines
4.	Waiting list (Genl)	51
5.	Plan for 96-97	Expansion by kit is expected to be completed during this month
6.	Medium available	3 Channels system to Eluru
7.	Medium planned	UHF system between Chintalapudi and Eluru with 30 Channels dropping at Dharmajigudem after construction of building Tower in 1997-98.
8.	Other facility	Indialing to Eluru exists.
9.	STD Plans	Planned for 97-98 after commissioning of UHF system.

Restoration of Telecom services in Cyclone Hit Areas in East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh

441. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of villages and towns like Amalapuram in East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh are without telecom services after the recent cyclone;

(b) whether it is a fact that less than 50% of phones are working in East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh since the recent cyclone;